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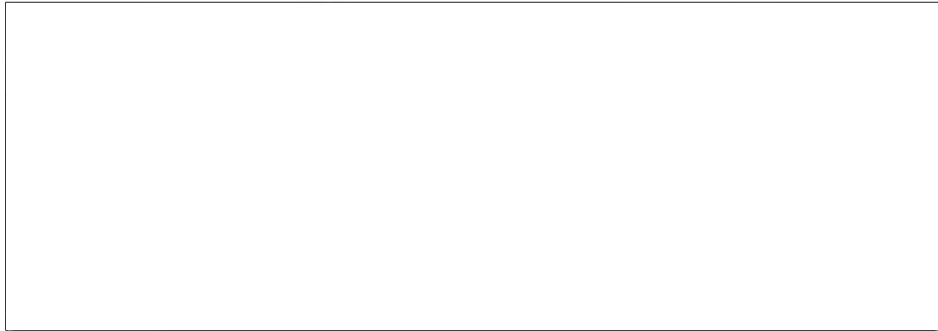
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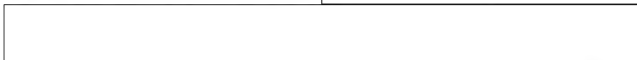


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There are fragmentary reports of the sending of Soviet technical material to Albania.

It is known that this material is arriving continuously, but there are no details concerning it.

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During the past months of Feb and March there arrived in Albania, across Yugoslavia, various heavy material. There were observed some military convoys, each composed of about 30 motor vehicles transporting material contained in large boxes, the contents of which one has not yet been able to ascertain.

The greater part of the above material was sent^t to Elbasan, following the route: Gostivar - Debar - Elbasan.

Two or three convoys, however, moved along the following route: Gostivar - Debar - Struga - Koritsa, also carrying large boxes containing heavy material.

It was also reported on this occasion that the convoys were transporting machines for the new ammunition factory, now under construction in the neighborhood of the aforementioned city.

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SECRET**Subject: Albania - 5th Rifle Division - Argirocastro**

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The headquarters of the Division ~~is~~ are set up in a palatial residence of the city of Argirocastro.

The commander is a major general whose name is not known. At these headquarters there are always observed some Soviet officers, the highest ~~rank~~ rank of which is a colonel.

In the barracks located on the outskirts of the city there are lodged the units of the Division, namely:

- a battalion of automatic weapons,
- a company of engineers,
- a mountain battery,
- a battery of heavy mortars,
- an antiaircraft battery,
- a platoon of transports,
- a medical platoon,
- an antigas platoon,
- a platoon for logistic services.

In addition, the following is also lodged in the barracks:

- 311th Rifle Regiment. Commander: Major Naum Doso. Political Commissar: Major Mehmet Varesi.

The Regiment is made up of 3 rifle battalions, in addition to regimental units. The 3 battalions are stationed near the regimental headquarters, except in the summer months, during which they are transferred to the military proving grounds, located in a mountainous zone about 25 km from the city.

The other units of the Division are stationed as follows:

Rifle regiment: with headquarters at Permeti.

Commander: Lt Col Mehmet Dano.

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The aforementioned regiment has its units stationed in the following places:

- one battalion with the headquarters units at Permeti;
- one battalion at Leskovici;
- one battalion at Policani.

A rifle regiment: with headquarters at Delvino. Commander: an ^{Albanian} Major.

The aforementioned ~~x~~ regiment has its regimental units stationed in the following places:

- one battalion and the headquarters units at Delvino;
- one ~~x~~ battalion at Konispoli;
- one ~~x~~ battalion at Santi Quaranta.

51st Artillery ~~Regiment~~: with headquarters at Argirocastro. Commander: LtCol.

Political Commissar: Captain Rexep Spahu.

In addition to headquarters units, the regiment consists of 3 groups of artillery, one of which is a mountain group equipped with Russian ~~guns~~ pieces of 76 mm. The latter is stationed near the rifle battalion at Delvino. The other 2 groups, one a field artillery group and the other a 105 mm howitzer group, are stationed near the regimental command at Argirocastro.

Note: All the units of the division ~~are~~ are of rather reduced strength, so that the regiments do not exceed 800 men.

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PART B! INFO.CHAPTER 1.ARMED FORCES.A R M Y.MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.FUEL DEPOTS.

Outside the city of GJROKASTER at about 50 meters from the crossroad TEPELENE - KAVAJE and on the road which runs from GJROKASTER and meets the road TEPELENE * KAVAJE, there is a fuel depot. This is a place about (D K 267-381).

Description.

West of the road KAVAJE - TEPELENE at about 20 meters distance is the (A) main way to the depot. South-west of this (A) main entrance at about 30 meters distance there is building # 1, with dimensions 3X3X3 m. built of stones and covered with tiles and where the sentrys of the depot are sheltered.

At 4 meters distance north of building # 1, there is building # 2 with 4X3X3 m. built of stones, covered with tiles and used as office place of the depot. 25X1

Between buildings # 1 and 2 is entrance or gate (B) of the depot.

West of building # 2 partly adjacent to it is building # 3

built of stones, covered with tiles and used as warehouse for fuel barrels.

South of building # 3 also partly adjacent and similar to it there is another one used for the same purpose. This is building # 4 east of which is a similar building # 5 also used for the same purpose.

Parking Places.

In the space between the road KAVAJE - TEPELENE and gate (A) there is a parking place (# 1) where military vehicles are parked.

Between gate (A) and buildings 1 and 2 there is space (# 2) where fuel barrels and rolls of barbed wire are stored. Fuel barrels and barbed wire are also stored in the space between buildings 3-4 and 5.

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Security of the depot.

The space where the above described buildings are located is surrounded by a fence of barbed wire and during the night it is lighted only in the interior.
Electricity and water is conducted there from GJIROKASTER.

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INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

STATE ORGANIZATION & ADMIN.

E D U C A T I O N.

Number of schools according to areas.

a) Schools in which Albanian language is taught.

STREMBEC.
In village STREMBEC (D K 54.44) there is a 4-year Primary school.
" " KALUDH (D K 51.43) " " " "
" " PELLUMBAR (D K 55.44) " " " "
" " DRACOVE (D K 57.42) Within about a month a 4-year primary school will open.
" " PETRAN (D K 50.50) there is a 4-year primary school.
" " CARSHOVE (there is a 4-year and a 7-year (Unike) primary school.
"the town of PERMET " " " " " "

The number of teachers in the two schools of PERMET is 22.

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In village POLICAN (D k 44.45) there is a 7-year (Unike) school.

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RELIGION.

STREMBEC

Religion in village ~~STREMBEC~~ is Christian. Out of a total number of 65 families in the village only 7 are Moslem.

There are two churches in the village and a priest who lives there and officiates every Sunday and on other holydays.

Regular church-goers are only the old ones. The others go only on holydays, of course besides the Communists.

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YOUTH.

STREMBEC

In village ~~STREMBEC~~ there are the following organizations.

a) Youth organization.

About 35 youngsters belong to this organization. Each one pays 10 Lek per month.

All but the youngsters of families considered KULAKS and of those not enrolled in the "Democratic Front" have the right to become members of the organization.

Once a month, and very rarely twice, the members of this organization hold meetings in the school of the village. Various 'Agitators' (doesn't know names) deliver speeches to the youngsters on subjects such as :

History of the Albanian C.P.

" " " C.P. of the Soviet Union and of other countries.

Activity of the C.P. of the Western countries.

In case the 'agitator' does not go to one of these meetings, then the secretary together with the members of the organization go out for the repair and maintenance of roads.

A new secretary of the organization is elected every six months.

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Lately [redacted] secretary of the Youth Organization was Astrit TUFULLUSHI [redacted]

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00 Organizata Baze (Local C.P. Organisation)

Secretary : Paskali Sokrat PAPA

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M O R A L E

The morale of the people is very low due to the illiberal system and the communist regime. They have got only one hope, a war between East and West.

After the rearmament of Western Germany by the Western Countries the morale of the Albanian people was reanimated to a certain extent. They all hoped that sooner or later a war ^{would} ~~will~~ break out and the Albanians, consequently, would be liberated from the Communist yoke. For the present, due to the oppressive measures of the A.C.P. an ^{uprise} ~~uprise~~ of the population is not possible. This will happen in case a war between the two worlds breaks out and especially if Greece attacks Albania, as she is expecting her liberation from Greece.

Besides music, Greek broadcasts are forbidden by the Albanian Authorities.

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INTERNAL SECURITY.

Security measures according to areas.

Forbidden roads.

Vehicles and pedestrians are forbidden to circulate from point (D K 67..44) to (D K 67..37) of the road LESKOVIK - PERMET, because this part of the road runs near the Greek border line and they want to avoid eventual escapes. This holds true for officers and party members in general also.

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ARMED VILLAGERS. IN VARIOUS VILLAGES.

STREMBEC

a) Village STREMBEC.

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Paskal Sokrat PAPA -

Shaban Hysen SALI -

Abdi Hysen SALI -

Qasim Tahir SALI -

b) Village PELLUMBAR.

Jorgo Lile (lrm)

Spiro Mici "

Bani Mici "

RESISTANCE AGAINST THE REGIME.

Activity of diversionists.

In the Albanian .. Yugoslav boundaries there is a group of armed diversionists of about 200 men. This group having as refuge a wooded area

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Activity of diversionists (continued)

of north Albania are devastating the whole areas in which they are operating .
Members of this group are inhabitants of villages of north Albania located near the
Albanian .. Yugoslav boundaries, and who happen to be of Yugoslav nationality.

[redacted] this group is sponsored by the Yugoslavs.

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Very often they were attacked by small units of the Albanian army but with no results
because when the members of this group were in difficult position they would escape
into Yugoslav territory.

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CHAPTER 6.ECONOMIC SITUATION.Monetary Policy.Change of money in circulation.

[redacted] from May 1, 1958 a new money is supposed to be put in circula-
tion, in substitution of the old one.

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FARMING.

The cultivable area of village STERBEC is about 1000 stremna (acres) out of which
300 are irrigable.

In these 1000 stremnas (acres) the following crops are cultivated:

Corn , in about 650 stremna out of which 250 are irrigable and 400 are not.

Wheat , " " 200 " , all not irrigable.

Tobacco , " 100 " , " " "

Vegetables , " 50 " , all irrigable.

Amounts of production per stremna are:

Corn per one irrigable stremna gives an average of about 100 oke.

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Amounts of production per streama.

One streama, not irrigable, gives an average of about 46 oke of corn.

" " " " " " " " " " 70 " " wheat.

" " " " " " " " " " 42 " " tobacco.

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Cooperative was imposed in village ~~STREMBEC~~ from January 25, 1958 and all the inhabitants were obliged to participate.

[redacted] already 20 families had become

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members of the cooperative. All had a total of approximately 300 streama of cultivable land.

[redacted] until 1960 all cultivable land throughout Albania should go

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under cooperative. And in order to do this the State is using all means as well as psychologic pressure and violence.

Before cooperative was partially imposed in the village the yearly proportion of crops given to the State by the whole village was approximately 2000 kilos.

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Only tobacco, from the village of ~~STREMBEC~~, is exported to the Soviet Union. It is collected by Russian specialists who go around the areas and villages where tobacco is cultivated.

STOCK-FARMING.

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Village ~~STREMBEC~~.

Goats : About 700.

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Sheep : " 300.

Cows : " 60.

[redacted] stock-farming cooperative did not exist in this village.

CHAPTER 9.GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION.Population.

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Population of village STREMBEC.

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Village ~~STREMBEC~~ has about 600 inhabitants out of which 30 are Moslem and the rest Christians [REDACTED] Language spoken in the village is Albanian.

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Village PELJUMBAR.

The number of inhabitants in the above village is approximately 250 [REDACTED]

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Information on towns and villages.

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Village STREMBEC.

There are about 65 houses in the village . Seven families are Moslem and the rest Christians [REDACTED]

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They get water from natural sources which are outside the village, and use kerosene lamps for lighting.

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Village PELJUMBAR.

In this village there are 45 houses [REDACTED]

They get water from natural sources and use kerosene lamps for lighting.

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SKETCH OF THE GJIROKASTER FUEL DEPOT.

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L E G E N T.

1. Guard post.

2. Offices of the Depot.

3. Fuel Depot.

4. " "

5. " "

I. Army vehicles parking place.

II. Place for open storage of barrels and barbed-wire.

III. " " " " " " " "

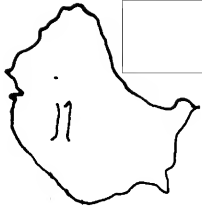
A. Main gate.

B. Depot's gate.

xxxx. Barbed-wire fence.

----- Road leading from KAKAVI to TEPELENE.

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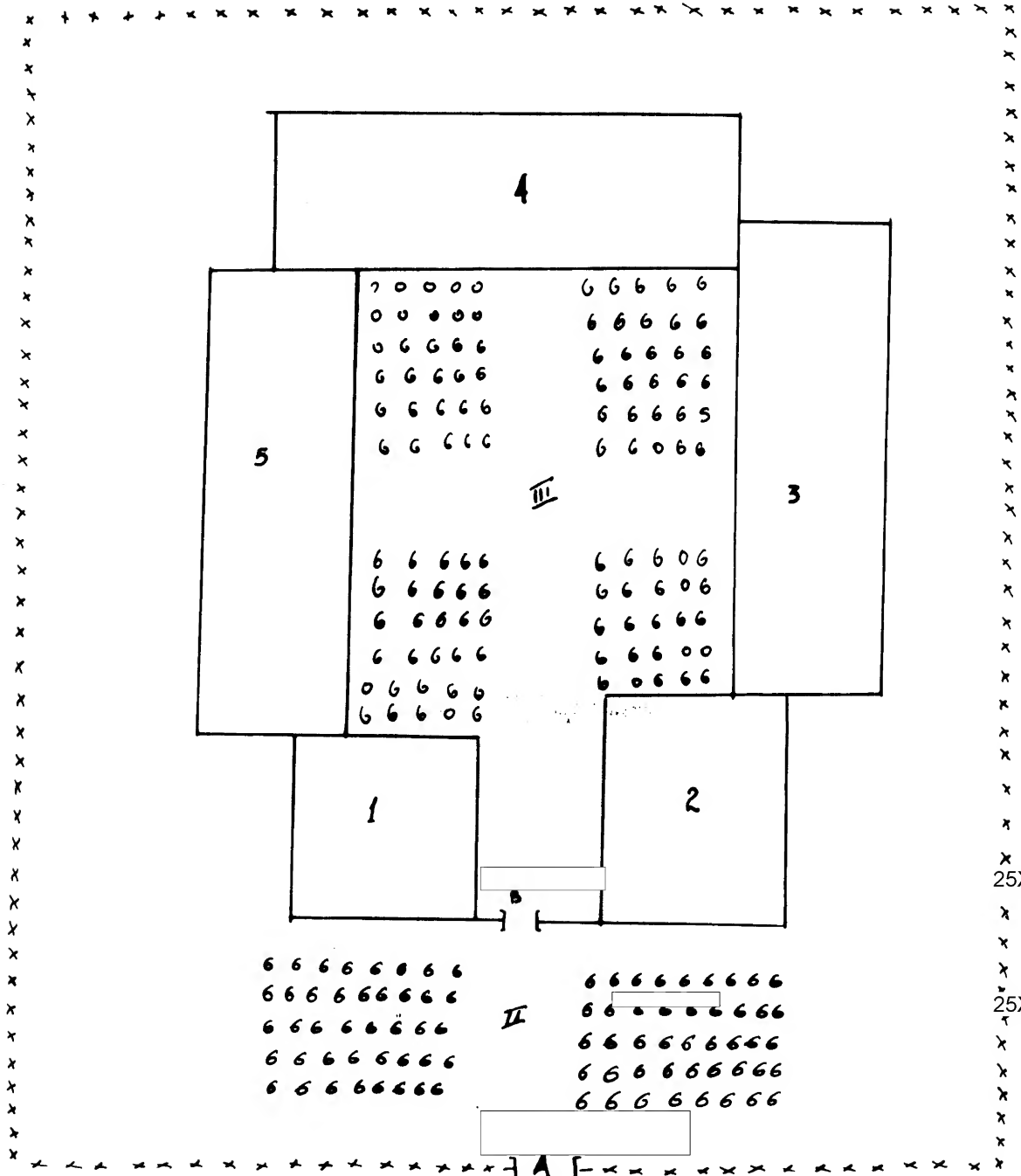


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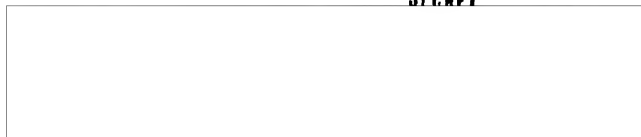


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